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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ENCODING RANDOMLY DISTRIBUTED FEATURES IN AN OBJECT

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/802,981	KIROVSKI, DARKO	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	SUMAN DEBNATH	2435	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 09/30/2008.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-15,17-22 and 24-32.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 3-15, 17-22, 24-32 are pending in this application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David S. Thompson on (Reg. No. 37,954) on December 2nd, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
determining randomly distributed features in an object;
determining a probability density function associated with the object;
compressing data representing the randomly distributed features, wherein the compressing is based in part on the probability density function;
encoding the compressed data with a signature; and
creating a label comprising the object and the encoded data;

determining vectors associated with the randomly distributed features based, at least in part, on the probability density function; and
encoding the vectors using an arithmetic coding algorithm, wherein the algorithm comprises:

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set U as a list of all unit areas in  $S - S_i - u$   
list of all marked units,  $M(u)$ , is set to  $M(u) = \emptyset$   
do  
    find all unit areas  $V = \operatorname{argmin}_{v \in U} \|Q_v - Q_u\|$   
    do  
        find unit area  $w = \operatorname{argmax}_{v \in V} \xi(1, v)$   
        set AC range for  $w$  to  $\gamma(w, u)$   
        set of nodes ordered before  $w$  is  $M_w(u) = M(u)$   
         $M(u) = M(u) \cup w$ ,  $V = V - w$ ,  $U = U - w$   
    while  $V \neq \emptyset$   
while  $U \neq \emptyset$ .
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2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 2 Claim 1, wherein encoding the vectors using the arithmetic coding algorithm includes determining a path for connecting a portion of the vectors within a fixed amount of data.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 2 Claim 1, wherein the randomly distributed features are fibers that are randomly positioned in the object.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, wherein the data is encoded with a private key.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, wherein the label is a certificate of authenticity configured to be self-authenticated and wherein the object is an authentication object included in the certificate of authenticity.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, wherein the encoded data is included in the label as a barcode.

11. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, further comprising:
determining textual data that includes a string of characters;
hashing the textual data with an algorithm;
encrypting the compressed data using the hashed textual data; and
including the textual data in the label.

15. (Currently Amended) A system comprising
an issuer configured to determine randomly distributed features in an authentication
object and to compress data representing the randomly distributed features comprising
fibers, the issuer being further configured to encode the compressed data with a
signature and to create a label that includes the authentication object and the encoded
data;
wherein the issuer is further configured to determine a probability density function
associated with the authentication object, wherein the probability density function is
defined as the likelihood of finding a second end of a fiber at a given location within a
non-illuminated area when a first end of the fiber is located within an illuminated area of
the authentication object, to determine vectors associated with the randomly distributed
attributes based, at least in part, on the probability density function, and to encode a
portion of the vectors as a path by applying an arithmetic coding algorithm,
wherein the algorithm comprises:

set U as a list of all unit areas in $S - S_i - u$
list of all marked units, $M(u)$, is set to $M(u) = \emptyset$
do
 find all unit areas $V = \operatorname{argmin}_{v \in U} \|Q_v - Q_u\|$
 do
 find unit area $w = \operatorname{argmax}_{v \in V} \xi(1, v)$
 set AC range for w to $\gamma(w, u)$
 set of nodes ordered before w is $M_w(u) = M(u)$
 $M(u) = M(u) \cup w$
 $V = V - w$
 $U = U - w$
 while $V \neq \emptyset$
while $U \neq \emptyset$.

28. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for determining randomly distributed features in an authentication object;

means for determining a probability density function associated with the authentication object, wherein the probability density function defines a likelihood a point will contain an illuminated second end of a fiber and is conditioned on location of a first end of the fiber in an illuminated region;

means for compressing data representing the randomly distributed features, wherein the compressing is based in part on the probability density function;

means for encoding the data with a signature; and

means for creating a label that includes the authentication object and the encoded data.

means for determining vectors associated with the randomly distributed features based, at least in part, on the probability density function; and

means for encoding the vectors using an arithmetic coding algorithm, wherein the algorithm comprises:

set U as a list of all unit areas in $S - S_i - u$.
list of all marked units, $M(u)$, is set to $M(u) = \emptyset$.
do
 find all unit areas $V = \operatorname{argmin}_{v \in U} \|Q_v - Q_u\|$.
 do
 find unit area $w = \operatorname{argmax}_{v \in V} \xi(l, v)$.
 set AC range for w to $\gamma(w, u)$ (see Eqns.17,18).
 set of nodes ordered before w is $M_w(u) = M(u)$.
 $M(u) = M(u) \cup w$.
 $V = V - w$.
 $U = U - w$.
 while $V \neq \emptyset$.
while $U \neq \emptyset$.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 3-15, 17-22, 24-32 are allowed.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Independent claims 1, 15, 22 and 28 recite the uniquely distinct feature of "...determining randomly distributed features in an object; determining a probability density function associated with the object; compressing data representing the randomly distributed features, wherein the compressing is based in part on the probability density function; encoding the compressed data with a signature; and creating a label comprising the object and the encoded data; determining vectors associated with the randomly distributed features based, at least in part, on the probability density function; and encoding the vectors using an arithmetic coding algorithm, wherein the algorithm comprises:

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list of all marked units,  $M(u)$ , is set to  $M(u) = \emptyset$ 
do
  find all unit areas  $V = \operatorname{argmin}_{v \in U} \|Q_v - Q_u\|$ 
  do
    find unit area  $w = \operatorname{argmax}_{v \in V} \xi(l, v)$ 
    set AC range for  $w$  to  $\gamma(w, u)$ 
    set of nodes ordered before  $w$  is  $M_w(u) = M(u)$ 
     $M(u) = M(u) \cup w$ ,  $V = V - w$ ,  $U = U - w$ 
  while  $V \neq \emptyset$ 
while  $U \neq \emptyset$  ."
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The prior art, taken either singly or in combination, fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitations of Applicant's independent claims, in such a manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103 would be proper. The claimed invention is therefore considered to be in condition for allowance as being novel and nonobviousness over prior art.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUMAN DEBNATH whose telephone number is (571)270-1256. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am to 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y. Vu can be reached on 571 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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